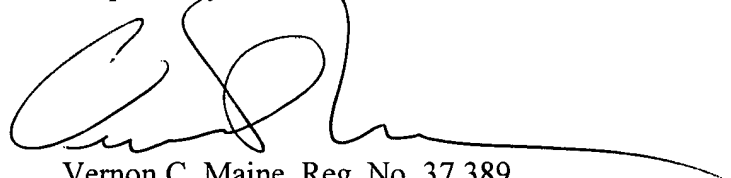


REMARKS

Claim 1-10 are now pending. Claims 1-10 are amended and claims 11-18 are being added to eliminate multiple dependencies and reference numbers. No new matter is added. The Applicant notes that these amendments are not intended as narrowing amendments. Rather, the amendments maintain or broaden the scope of the originally filed claims.

Favorable action is solicited. The Office is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, to discuss any issues that the Office may have.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Vernon C. Maine', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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